

AGENDA
EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
County Council Chambers
May 1, 2012
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

II. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 1, 2012 COUNCIL AGENDA (APPROVED)

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

March 20, 2012 Special Called Meeting of Council (Old McDonald's Fish Camp)
(APPROVED)
March 22, 2012 Budget Work Session (APPROVED)
April 3, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council (APPROVED)
(SEE MINUTES)

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

V. REPORTS

1. Monthly financial reports for March 2012
(SEE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS)
2. Agenda/Minutes of the following meeting:

EC Hospital Board of Trustees03/26/12
Planning Commission04/12/12
Economic Development Committee04/20/12
(SEE REPORTS)

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

1. This public hearing is being held to receive written and/or oral comments on Ordinance No. 11-12-651, "An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2012-2013 General Operating Budget and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, E-911 Administration, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims' Bill of Rights, Emergency Medical Services, Countywide Recreation and Road Maintenance."

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VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 11-12-651, "An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2012-2013 General Operating Budget and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, E-911 Administration, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims' Bill of Rights, Emergency Medical Services, Countywide Recreation and Road Maintenance."

This ordinance establishes the revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund and all of the ancillary budgets for FY 2012-2013. There is no anticipated change in tax millage in order to meet the proposed budget. There were two amendments added to the budget ordinance at first reading which are incorporated into the second reading of the ordinance. The two amendments included adding \$3,000 for the Senior Citizens Center to be funded through reserves in the general fund and \$6,250 was added to the recreation budget under facility cost sharing in order to reimburse 100% of the Towns' utilities at the recreation facilities which will be funded from recreation reserves.

(EXH. I) (APPROVED 4-1 Councilman Dorn opposed)

2. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 11-12-650, "An Ordinance to Amend an Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park of Aiken and Edgefield Counties so as to enlarge the Park.

This ordinance is to amend Ordinance No. 95-96-335 in order to include the Bridgestone addition in the multi-county industrial park agreement that Edgefield County has with Aiken County. Edgefield County receives 1% of the tax revenues received by Aiken County on the industries located inside the park. Edgefield County is currently receiving approximately \$24,000 per year due to this agreement.

(EXH. II) (APPROVED)

3. Third Reading of Ordinance Number 11-12-649, "An Ordinance Amending Sections 8-49, 8-50 and 8-51 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances to provide for certain fees to be collected pursuant to Chapter 8 thereof, and to provide that such fees shall be set by Resolution of the County Council rather than being set forth by Ordinance; providing the initial fees to be set; and for other related matters."

This is third reading of Ordinance No. 11-12-649 which will amend Sections 8-49, 8-50, and 8-51. This amendment will allow Council in the future to change the building permit fees by resolution rather than by ordinance. This ordinance includes the new building permit fees that were presented to Council last month. These changes will allow the permit fees to more effectively cover the costs associated with the inspections. The changes only affect the minimum charge for each permit. The exhibit includes a schedule that shows the current fee structure, the proposed fee structure, and the fee structures of surrounding counties. This proposed amendment also contains the addition of a plan review fee for non-residential construction. This fee would be 50% of the building permit fee for the project. This fee would allow the building department to

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obtain professional help when reviewing complex plans submitted for commercial or industrial projects. The fees that are proposed in this ordinance will only affect those who are constructing a new building or renovating an existing building in the County.

(EXH. III) (APPROVED)

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council may convene in Executive Session pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws Section 30-4-70(a)(2).

§ 30-4-70. Meetings which may be closed; procedure; circumvention of chapter; disruption of meeting; executive sessions of General Assembly

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.

Vote, if any, as a result of Executive Session.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Resolution Number 11-12-359, "An Inducement Resolution providing for a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement between Edgefield County and Project Alpha."

This resolution allows Edgefield County to enter into a fee in lieu of tax agreement for Project Alpha. The project agrees to invest \$6,400,000 and create 13 new full time jobs in Edgefield County within the next 3 years. In return the County will enter into an agreement providing the lowest possible millage rate and a 6% assessment ratio for the project for a term of 20 years.

(EXH. IV) (APPROVED)

2. First Reading of Ordinance Number 11-12-652, "Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Edgefield County, South Carolina and Project Alpha providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto.

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**First reading of Ordinance Number 11-12-652 to be presented by title only.
(APPROVED)**

3. Appointments to Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals. **(APPROVED)**

David Harley..... Re-Appointment
Louis Jackson..... Re-Appointment

4. Appointment Zoning Board of Appeals. **(APPROVED)**

James W. Cooks..... Re-Appointment

5. Approval of lawsuit addressing Nuisance Ordinance Violation.
Several complaints have been received about a property located on Cessna Drive, Trenton, SC 29847. The property owner has been given multiple chances to bring the property up to code by the Building and Planning Office. The County Attorney has also sent a letter to the property owner asking for a response within 30 days about this matter; over 60 days have passed with no contact. According to the Nuisance Ordinance, County Council has the right to authorize a lawsuit and the funding to handle the lawsuit in a higher court. Estimated costs for this are \$2,500 to be funded from Council's Contingency. (EXH. V) **(APPROVED 4-1 Councilman Bright opposed)**
6. Approval of Padgett Road Speed Limit.
The Sheriff's Office recently reviewed the safety conditions of this roadway and is recommending the reduction of the speed limit to 25 mph from the current speed limit of 35 mph. They are also recommending a "Children at Play" sign be added since children ride their bicycles and walk on the roadway. (EXH. VI) **(APPROVED)**
7. Council consideration of the following request concerning hiring freeze:

Tax Clerk.....Assessor's Office

Mike Reed has requested that County Council allow him to fill the position of tax clerk. The employee recently left for a better job opportunity. This position serves the public, answers the phones, processes all types of paperwork, and handles all mobile homes and many other duties in the front office. This is a vital position to the assessor's office. The office would be very short staffed without it.
(EXH. VII) (FAILED 2-3 Councilman Dorn, Councilman Bright and Councilwoman Blackwell opposed)

8. Approval of Resolution Number 11-12-358, "A Resolution providing for an

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Intergovernmental Agreement between Edgefield and McCormick Counties, whereby the two Counties will jointly utilize Edgefield County's Convenience Center located at the intersection of US Highway 378 and S-19-67."

Edgefield County owns a convenience center on Highway 378 near the McCormick County line. Citizens in McCormick County are permitted to use this site in exchange for McCormick County paying one half of the labor costs at this facility. This agreement is renewed each year and has been in effect since July 2002.

(EXH. VIII) (APPROVED)

9. Approval of the Janitorial Bid. (RFP Number 4-11-12)

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Actual Bid</u>	<u>Adjusted Bid</u>
Southern National	\$60,682.00	\$60,682.00
US Consulting Group	\$58,822.01	\$60,736.67
Gleam Team Janitorial	\$62,850.00	\$62,850.00

The bid for janitorial services at Edgefield County buildings is sent out for bid every two years. The Edgefield County Code of Ordinances Section 2-369 (purchasing ordinance) gives preference to local bidders. Both Southern National and Gleam Team Janitorial are located in Edgefield County. Therefore, the adjusted bid column represents the bids recalculated based on the ordinance. Therefore, Southern National is considered to be the lowest bidder. We have been receiving janitorial services from Southern National for the last two years and have been satisfied with their work. There is enough money in the FY 12-13 budget to cover this contract. **(APPROVED)**

10. Approval of the Utilities Agreement with the Towns.

County Council has been funding a portion of the utility costs for the Town's recreation facilities for the past few years through the Recreation Special Revenue budget. The Towns requested 100% reimbursement of utilities for the FY 12-13 budget. Per the Recreation Ordinance, the County and the Towns can enter into a cooperative agreement to fund utilities at the recreation facilities if all parties agree to the terms. This agreement states that the Towns will send in their budget requests for utilities by March 1 each year and Council will fund utilities up to 100% if recreation funds are available provided that the Towns do not bill the County for utilities directly related to outside rental of the facilities.

(EXH. IX) (APPROVED)

11. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

12. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

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13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO REPORT BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

14. COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

15. COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR

16. ADJOURN